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LONGVIEW MAN SENTENCED FOR FEDERAL FIREARMS VIOLATION

(Marshall, TX) United States Attorney Matthew D. Orwig announced today that a 45-year-old Longview man has been sentenced to 51 months in prison for federal firearms violations in the District of Texas. **STEVEN OREN RAY** was sentenced by United States District Judge T. John Ward today.

"The message sent to aggressively prosecute convicted felons found to be in possession of firearms, is not a threat, but a promise," Orwig stated in reference to his recently released public service announcement. "This case is further proof of that promise."

According to information presented in court, on October 16, 2005, an officer with the Omaha Police Department in Morris County, Texas, made contact with Ray in the parking lot of a convenience store on Highway 259. The officer was checking the license plate on Ray's vehicle because he had received a dispatch of a vehicle of the same description involved in a burglary. Ray consented to a search of the vehicle and the officer recovered two rifles.

Ray had previously been convicted of prescription fraud in Gregg County in 2004. Because he is a convicted felon, Ray is prohibited from

owning or possessing firearms or ammunition and was indicted for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Noble.

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